

CHEMICAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

TASK STATEMENT ACTION SHEET

TASK TITLE: Revalidate Previous Recommendations of the 46 CFR Part 151 Subcommittee.

DESCRIPTION OF TASK: Revalidate the previously recommended revisions of 46 CFR Part 151. In cases where the recommendations have been superceded by other regulatory or statutory requirements, or if they no longer represent safe industry practice, provide updated recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Through Subcommittee meetings and correspondence revalidate previous recommended revisions of 46 CFR Part 151 and make recommendations to CTAC.

RECOMMENDED PRIORITY AND TIME FRAME:

Priority: (highest) 1    2    3    4    5    (lowest)

Date Required: September 2000

Other dates/deadlines/milestones: None

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Forwarded for Committee consideration.

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Date forwarded: April 6, 2000

Committee Action: Task accepted by the Committee. Committee established a new Subcommittee to address the issue.

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NEAL S. PLATZER  
Chairman

Date: April 11, 2000

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### TASK STATEMENT

#### I. TASK TITLE

Revalidate Previous Recommendations of the 46 CFR Part 151 Subcommittee

#### II. BACKGROUND

A. The need to update 46 CFR Part 151, the regulations for barges carrying bulk liquid hazardous material cargoes, has been a concern to the Coast Guard and to members of industry for a number of years. To address this concern, a CTAC Subcommittee was formed in 1992 to review these regulations and provide recommended solutions to the Coast Guard. In 1994, the Subcommittee completed its work, and CTAC forwarded its recommendations to the Coast Guard that the regulations should be revised in their entirety. The recommendations included changes to the regulations that would:

- ♦ Improve the design, construction and operating standards for new and existing barges;
- ♦ Formalize Coast Guard policy;
- ♦ Reflect current safe industry practices; and
- ♦ Clarify existing regulatory text.

B. The Coast Guard issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANRPM), published in the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999 Federal Register, requesting public comments on the proposed revision of 46 CFR Part 151. Included as part of the docket were CTAC's 1994 recommendations to the Coast Guard.

#### III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

A. The CTAC recommendations for revising the 46 CFR Part 151 regulations were submitted in 1994. Since these recommendations may form the basis for the regulatory project to revise the current regulations, and because they are over five years old, the Coast Guard, in the ANPRM, indicated they would request CTAC to review their previous recommendations to revalidate their continued applicability. Particular attention needs to be given to those areas where the recommendations may have been superceded by other statutory or regulatory requirements, or may no longer represent safe industry practice.

#### IV. TASK

A. 1. Using 46 CFR Part 151 and the 1994 recommendations of the CTAC 46 CFR 151 Subcommittee, conduct a thorough review of these recommended revisions to the current regulations.

2. Revalidate the previously recommended revisions. In cases where the recommendations have been superceded by other regulatory or statutory requirements, or if they no longer represent safe industry practice, provide updated recommendations.

B. Estimated time to complete task: Six Months

C. Recommended qualifications of Subcommittee members:

1. Experience in operating Part 151 barges;
2. Experience in designing Part 151 barges; and
3. Experience in classifying, transporting, and/or responding to spills of bulk liquid hazardous material cargoes.

D. Coast Guard technical representative:

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